



**MEAN
MOMMA**


J.T.C.

And so, Lord, we commit Ansley
Parker's body into the ground.

Earth to earth, ashes
to ashes, dust to dust.

That was the
saddest funeral
I've ever done!

How tragic!
No one came.

A black and white comic panel showing a woman with glasses and curly hair sitting at a table, reading a newspaper. A teapot and a cup are on the table. A man with a beard and a patterned shirt stands behind her, looking at the paper. A framed picture of an owl is on the wall.


Look at that! Old Grandpa Parker died and no one even came to the funeral.

But wait... didn't he have a daughter?

A close-up of the woman from the first panel. She has a shocked expression, with wide eyes and an open mouth. She is holding a newspaper that has a picture of a woman on it.

Oh, yes. Her name was Petunia...


She was awful! Everyone in our class *hated* her.



Oh my, I just had a horrible thought!

What, Becky?

Does this mean Petunia Parker could inherit that house? Just the *thought* of her coming back makes me sick!



In school I was terrified of her! She beat me up twice and knocked out 3 of my teeth!

When the school library caught fire, Petunia cheered!

Everybody figured she started it!

Don't worry, Becky! No one knows where she is.

That house will probably go to the state.

2 weeks later

Get off my place you little runt, or I'll blow your head off!

No... no, please don't shoot! If you're Petunia Parker, I've got good news for you!

You're going to inherit your daddy's house!

He's gone for good?


Uh, yes. He passed away last month. I'm so *very* sorry!

Wow! That's **great!** I hated him!

Hey kids... wonderful news! Grandpa's *dead!*

Good heavens!

We're moving out of this dump!




Are we getting close, Maw?

Will the people like us, Maw?


Who cares? This is our town, now.

They *hated* me, and they'll *hate* you!



Hello, we're the Wisons. We're your neighbors.


I'm Petunia Parker and these are my boys. What do you want?

A black and white comic panel showing a man and a woman on the left. The man is smiling and looking towards the right. The woman is also smiling and holding a rectangular cake on a tray. They are presenting the cake to a third person whose head and shoulders are visible on the right side of the frame. The man is speaking.

This is my wife, Abigail... We brought you a cake to welcome you to the neighborhood.

We'd *like* to meet your husband.

You can't... he's dead.

A black and white comic panel showing a woman on the right and a man on the left. The woman is holding the same rectangular cake on a tray. She has a stern, angry expression. The man is looking at her with a slightly nervous or questioning expression. The woman is speaking.

We're sorry... Was it a heart attack?

Nope! They hung him last year for killing some people. Stay away from us!

We don't like people, *either*.

3 months later

Sheriff John?

This is Carol Waters again!
Those Parker kids are back,
beating up my kids...

...They broke two of
my windows and their
mother is cheering
them on. Help us,
Sheriff! Hurry!

This is the 6th emergency this
week, Chief... Petunia Parker and
her kids are driving me nuts!

Hang on, John. There's a town
meeting tonight. We're trying
to see how to handle her.

8:30 P.M.

Mayor, four families won't let their kids come to school out of fear.

Every time they come into my store, I'm robbed.

Her eight-year-old tried to steal my car.

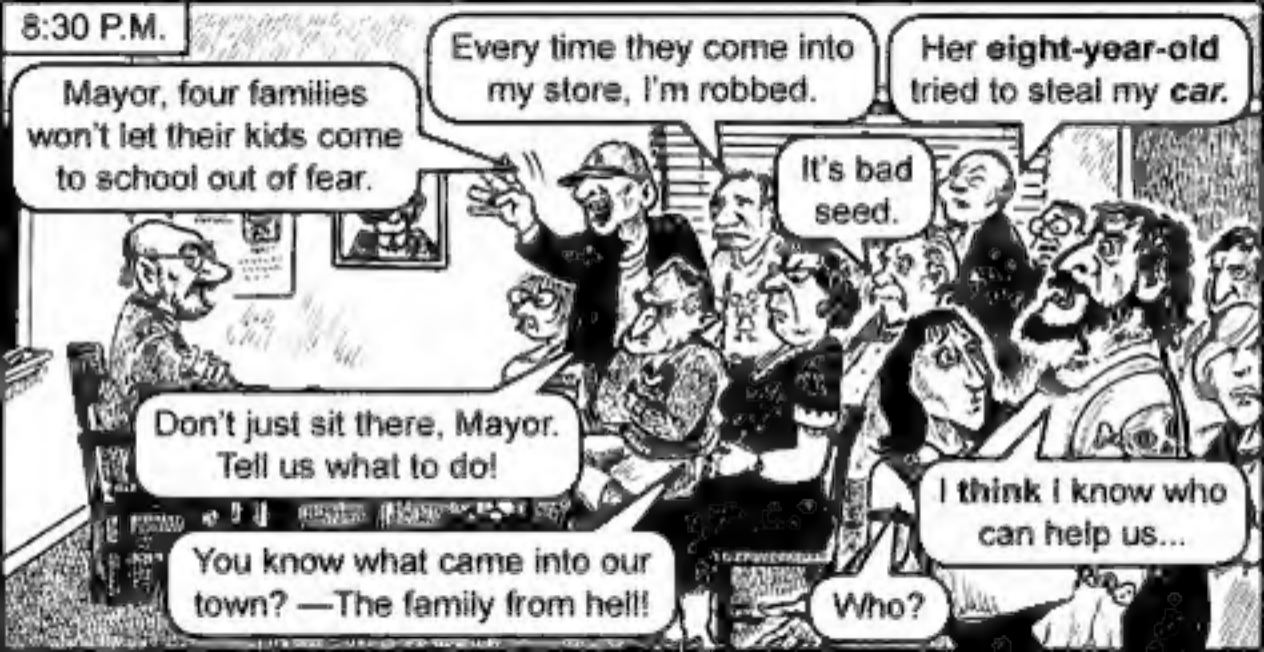
It's bad seed.

Don't just sit there, Mayor. Tell us what to do!

You know what came into our town? —The family from hell!

I think I know who can help us...

Who?



Mayor I know Pastor Sam Jones is a man of God!



If he talks to Petunia, it might help us

How about it Pastor are you okay with this? Will you face that she-devil?

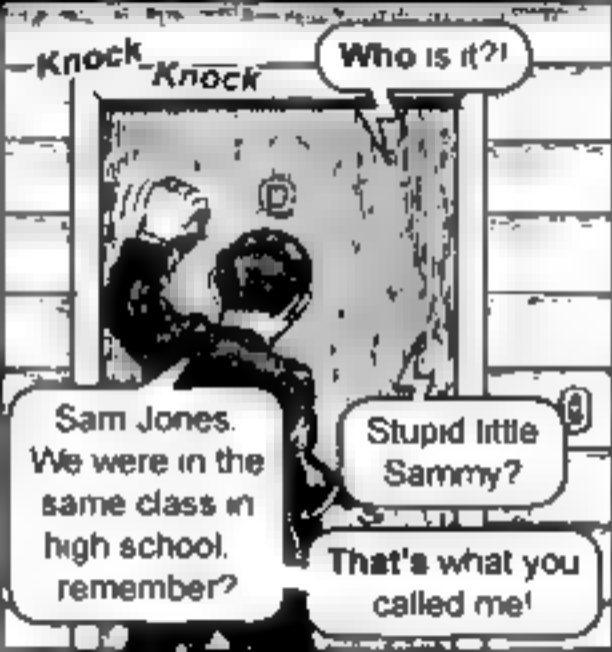


I will!

What will you need?

Lot's of prayer!

That's stupid!



These are my boys! This is my firstborn, Charlie. He's the spittin' image of his daddy.



Then there's Austin, and my baby, Billy Bob. Stay here, kids. I want you to listen to this.

What happened to make you a preacher?

Well, when I heard I was going to hell



I was terrified but when I was told what Jesus did for me


Hold on! Just what did Jesus do for you?

He left heaven, and became a man so He could die for us and wash away our sins with His precious blood.

So Jesus is like God?

He is God! He created everything! And He'll judge all of us when we die

Petunia this is the greatest verse in God's holy word



'For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" John 3:16

He died, and three days later He rose from the dead That was the greatest thing I'd ever heard

I was so afraid of God and had
that I got on my knees and begged
Jesus to forgive and save me

That's what He did! And I still
fear God Petunia because
I'll soon stand before Him!

Is Sammy still a fracky cat?

by the fear of the Lord
men depart from evil

Well I'm too wicked
for God to scare me.
What's He gonna do
about that?

*Proverbs 10:6

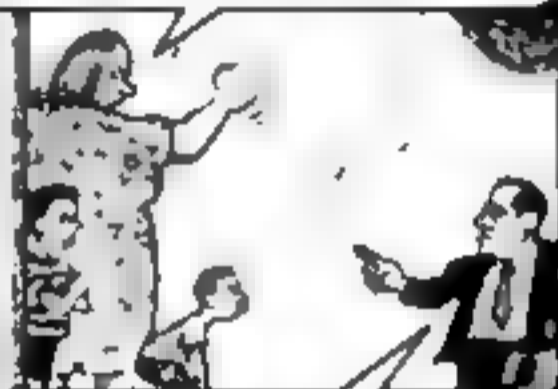
The Lord hath made all things
for himself yea even the
wicked for the day of evil *

What's the
"day of evil?"

Doomsday Petunia! That's
when all the unsaved are
thrown into the lake of fire!

*Proverbs 16:4

Get out of my house you crazy idiot!
Nothing will ever make me fear God



I'll be praying God will make
you fear Him Petunia
—no matter what it takes!

Listen to your Momma That preacher lied There ain't no God so it's okay to live any way you want *

Thanks Momma



* He ran down and I said is not my kind
for whatever a man worth that
what he do reap (salvation) *

2 Years Later

There's the stolen truck!

I clocked him at 93!



It looked like a bad driving
Call for backup! Somebody
is going to get killed!

He's losing it!

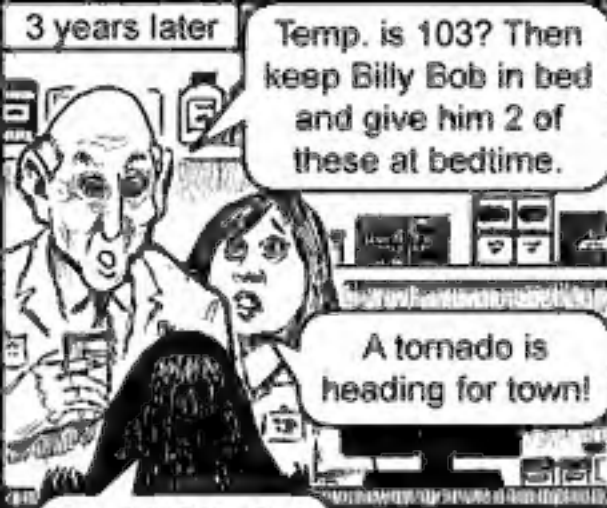
He can't make
that turn!

No...no!

CRASH!



3 years later



Temp. is 103? Then keep Billy Bob in bed and give him 2 of these at bedtime.

A tornado is heading for town!

Blast it! Billy Bob is home *alone!* I've gotta go!



“...the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.” Job 1:21

Everything I ever had is
gone! You win, God!
I won't fight You anymore...

I know You're gonna judge me...
and I'm scared to death.*

*"The fear of the Lord is the beginning
of knowledge..." Proverbs 1:7

Sam, God's after me and I'm
terrified! I've cursed Him and hated
Him! Will Jesus ever forgive me?

Absolutely. He wants
to save you, Petunia!

Show me
what to do!

Okay!

Petunia put her faith in Christ* and was saved. She confessed her sins and received Jesus into her heart.



Lord Jesus,
You're my
Saviour...
and I'm
not afraid
anymore!

*See Gal. 3:26.

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." 2 Timothy 1:7

Jesus is God Almighty, and He's running the show. If you fight Him, you'll lose.



"...Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved..." Acts 16:31

Let's see
how wise
you are.

Did you receive Jesus?

Yes No

Date _____

THE BIBLE SAYS THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO HEAVEN!

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

NOBODY ELSE CAN SAVE YOU. TRUST JESUS TODAY!

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom. 10:9

1. Admit you are a sinner. See Romans 3:10
2. Be willing to turn from sin (repent). See Acts 17:30
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried and rose from the dead. See Rom. 10:9-10
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus into your heart to become your personal Saviour. See Rom. 10:13

WHAT TO PRAY

Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His precious blood and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart as my personal Saviour.

If you trusted Jesus as your Saviour, you have just begun a wonderful new life with Him. Now:

1. Read your Bible (KJV) every day to get to know Jesus Christ better.
2. Talk to God in prayer every day.
3. Be baptized, worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians in a church where Christ is preached and the Bible is the final authority.
4. Tell others about Jesus Christ.

Here's help to grow as a new Christian! Read *The Next Step*, available at www.chick.com.

